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TAGS: OEXC CI (LETELIER, AGUSTIN)

SUBJ: 1976 IV GRANTEE.

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1. FOLLOWING ARE BIODATA AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR 1976 IV GRANTEE AGUSTIN LETELIER ZUNIGA, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF LETTERS, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, SANTIAGO AND PROFESSOR OF CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE AND OF SPANISH AND LITERATURE AT SAME UNIVERSITY AND CHILEAN MILITARY ACADEMY, RESPECTIVELY. PAST POSITIONS: COORDINATOR, LETTERS AREA, ACADEMIC VICE RECTORATE, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE AND ACTING DEAN (FOR SHORT PERIODS) FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY. AESTHETICS AND LETTERS, SAME UNIVERSITY. PDOB: SANTIAGO, CHILE, JUNE 20, 1937. CHILEAN, MALE, MARRIED, ONE GIRL , AGED 10. PERMANENT ADDRESS: MARIA AUXILIADORA 970, SANTIAGO, CHILE. EMERGENCY ADDRESS: SRA. PATRICIA BRUZZONE DE LETELIER, SAME ADDRESS, TELEPHONE 515329. EDUCATION: SPANISH TEACHER DEGREE, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, SANTIAGO, TRAVELS ABORAD: HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE U.S OTHER COUNTRIES: 1966 ARGENTINA, URUGUAY; 1967 PERU. ENGLISH; POOR-UNDERSTANDS SOME BUT DOES NOT SPEAK; WILL NEED ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

OTHER LANGUAGES: SPANISH, FRENCH, PORTUGUESE.

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2. POST PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: AS DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF LETTERS, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, SANTIAGO, PROFESSOR LETELIER IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS IN AMERICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR LOREN K. DAVIDSON OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY IS PRESENT TEACHING AMERICAN LITERATURE AT HIS INSTITUTE.) PROFESSOR LETELIER HAS MENTIONED THE NAMES OF SEVERAL PROFESSORS (AMERICAN AND CHILEAN) WHO ARE PRESENTLY TEACHING AT DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES IN U.. (SEE BELOW). WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING PROFESSOR LETELIER PUT IN CONTACT WITH THESE PERSONS AND, IF POSSIBLE, HAVE HIM OBSERVE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION, LATIN AMERICAN AND IBERO-AMERICAN STUDIES. ACCESS TO UNIVERSITIES WITH GOOD LIBRARIES ON LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES WOULD ALSO BE OF PROFESSORIAL INTERESTS. CONTACT WITH USIA AMERICAN STUDIES SECTION (ICS /CA) WULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO HIM AND TO US. PROFESSOR LETELIER HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST VISITING ST. LOUIS OR A SMALLER MIDWESTERN CITY, SINCE HE INTERESTED IN MID-WEST AS A REGION. HOME HOSPITALITY COULD BE ARRANGED THERE AND ELSEWHERE ON HIS ITINERARY. ALTHOUGH HIS ENGLISH ONLY FAIR, IT IS SUFFICIENT TO UNDERSTAND A THEATER PLAY. HE IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING PLAYS IN ORDER OBTAIN A PERSON IMPRESSION OF CONTEMPORARY U.S. THEATER.

3. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

WASHINGTON: D.C. VISIT AND INTERVIEW WITH CU/ARA/BFS AND CIES OFFICERS. USIA- CONTACT WITH ICS/CA AND ILA (MET RICHARD KEY). VISIT MUSEUMS, ART GALLERIES AND SEE A PLAY.

NEW YORK CITY - COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - HISPANIC INSTITUTE: MODERN HISPANIC MAGAZINE - INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR EUGENE FLORIT. STATE UNIVERISYT OF NEW YOKR AT STONY BROOK, NEW YORK. VISIT MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES. ATTEND THEATER. SEE HOW ACADEMIC PROGRAM IS ORGANIZED.

WEST POINT ACADEMCY - SINCE HE TEACHES AT THE CHILEAN MILITARY ACADEMY HE IS INTERESTED IN VISITING ITS COUNTERPART IN THE U.S.

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PITTSBURGH, PEEN - UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH: SPANISH - AMERICAN MAGAZINE (MR. ALFREDO ROGGIANO.) AND MRS. BARBARA TROSKO DE MORALES AT INSTITUTE OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIEES. BOSTON, MASS. - VISIT HARVARD UNIVERSITY (OPTIONAL) ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN - UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (CONTACT WITH PROFESSOR FRANK CASE.)

MADISON, WISCONSIN - UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN: CONTACT WITH

EDUARDO NEALE SILVA AND SUNILDA GERTEL. (THE INSTITUTE OF LETTERS HAS SEVERAL CHILEAN PROFESSORS WHO ARE GRADUATES OF THIS UNIVERSITY).

ST. LOUIS MISSOURI - HIS CITY OR A SMALL MIDWESTERN TOWN TO OBSERVE LIFE AND STRUCTURE OF U.S. SOCIETY. HOME HOSPITALITY COULD BE ARRANGED HERE.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS - UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS - LATIN AMERICAN THEATER CENTER. ALSO OBSERVE EDITING OF THEATER CENTER MAGAZINE. (CONTACT PROFESSORS JOHN BRUSHWOOD AND GRINOR ROJO)

SAN FRANCISCO CAL. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
VISIT TO SAUSALITO AND GENERAL SIGHT-SEEING.
LOS ANGELES CAL- UCLA AND UNIVERSITY
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (AT LATTER VISIT PROFESSOR GARY BROWER.)

COLORADO - VISIT TO GRAND CANYON.

TUCSON, ARIZONA - UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (CONTACT LINGUISTICS PROFESSOR DAVID FOSTER.)

PHOENIX, ARIZONA - IF POSSIBLE, VISIT ARIZONA STATE
FAIR TO BE HELD OCT. 24 - NOV 9.

ALBUQUERQUE N.M. UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO - LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER (CONTACT DR. RICHARD NASON.)
ALSO, IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO OBSERVE SPANISH COLONIAL HERITAGE.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - GENERAL SIGHT-SEEING (OPTIONAL)

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4. JUSTIFICATION OF GRANT: INSTITUTE WHICH PROFESSOR LETELIER DIRECTS HAS RECENTLY STARTED MASTER'S PROGRAM IN U.S LETTERS AND CIVILIZATION (I.E. AMERICAN STUDIES) TO WHICH MISSION, INCLUDING FULBRIGHT COMMISSION, IS GIVING MOST SUPPORT POSSIBLE. LETELIER'S EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXPOSURES HAVE BEEN MOSTLY IN EUROPEAN AND LATIN-AMERICAN LITERATURE. WE WISH TO GIVE HIM OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE U.S. CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC LIFE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH FIRST-HAND APPRECIATION OF IT AND TO GIVE HIM ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CARRYING OUT AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM.
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